

new leadership, and to verify the Vietnamese Prime Minister's promise of a new era of respect and understanding for religious freedom. In stark contrast to the promise of respect and understanding, Vietnamese authorities disrupted the meeting, intimidated and ultimately arrested the UBCV leadership.

The Venerable Thich Huyen Quang and Thich Quang Do, both of whom have been nominated for the Nobel Peace prize, are once again under house arrest. These actions are unconscionable.

Today, I will introduce a resolution regarding the courageous leadership of the UBCV and the urgent need for religious reform in Vietnam.

THE SUPREME COURT CONSIDERS THE PLEDGE

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, this year, the Supreme Court will take up the case of whether children should be allowed to say the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. This cartoon captures an important point of this case: Does the first amendment allow porn but not God in public discourse?

The ACLU would like you to think so. Their challenge to our laws, which protect our kids from online porn predators, is ridiculous. They want to be this teacher in the cartoon holding up a computer in front of your child saying, "You cannot pledge allegiance 'under God' but, here, look at some pornography."

The fact that this case even made it so far as the courts is a travesty. Something is very wrong with our courts. They say child pornography on the computer is perfectly legal, but the pledge is so offensive that we have to get rid of the words "under God."

The ACLU is out to sacrifice religion on their own little altar of pornographic speech. This is wrong. The Court should do the right thing for this country, for our children: uphold the pledge and the freedom that is ours to pledge allegiance under God.

BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

(Mr. SCOTT of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with others in expressing my support for breast cancer survivors and their families as we recognize the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

As the husband of a breast cancer survivor, my courageous wife, Alfredia Scott, I join with countless others in honoring the courage of other breast cancer patients as they fight to overcome this devastating disease. We

honor their families, as they stand with them, hurting just as badly, as they watch over and support their loved ones through their treatment. We honor the doctors, the nurses, and the health care professionals who provide critical help for these patients.

Almost everyone in America has been touched by this disease, which strikes one in nine women; and it is the second leading cause of death for women. As many of my colleagues have already noted, our Nation will lose 40,000 people this year. Almost 212,000 new cases will be diagnosed.

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We, as legislators, have a responsibility. We must do whatever we can to stop this disease.

As a Georgia State senator, I fought for funding for breast cancer research, and I authored the law that gives breast cancer patients the right to determine their length of stay in the hospital and the medical treatment they receive rather than the insurance companies.

Our inspiration is great: breast cancer survivors who have won their fight, and the friends and families of those women who did not. I urge us to work harder and make sure that we bring a cure to this deadly disease.

IRAQ SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my profound disappointment this morning with the news that House and Senate conferees developing the Iraq supplemental bill have apparently removed language which would have made a portion of the reconstruction dollars the American people are sending to Iraq take the form of a loan. I had unsuccessfully offered an amendment in the House which would have made one-half of the reconstruction dollars be repaid to the American taxpayers, and I believe the overwhelming majority of the people of this country believe this oil-rich nation should bear some of the cost of rebuilding its own civil society.

I regret Congress has chosen to reject the counsel of the majority of the American people and the world community. A decent respect for the opinions of mankind should cause Congress to reflect on the fact that at this week-end's donor conference in Madrid, two-thirds of the \$13 billion made available for reconstruction by foreign countries in Iraq takes the form of loans and credits.

In the end, regardless of my disagreement with the means, I will support the Iraq supplemental bill which will go far to ensure the safe return of our troops and the triumph of freedom in this tyranny-weary land.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, in the San Francisco Bay area, especially in Marin County in my congressional district, we have some of the highest rates of breast cancer in the Nation. While the toll on Bay area residents has been enormous and heart-breaking, community activists and local health officials are meeting this challenge, providing support to patients and survivors and working to find causes of this epidemic.

Women feel powerless when confronted with the increasing likelihood of contracting breast cancer; but as the Marin County breast cancer community has demonstrated through prevention and research, with hard work and dedication, we will beat this disease.

In memory of those who have died of breast cancer and in support of those fighting this terrible disease, and with hope that our daughters and granddaughters will not face this epidemic, I urge all women to acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month by taking care of their own health and joining with others to win the war against breast cancer.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. HENSARLING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, as has been noted earlier, this October we recognize the 19th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This year alone, more than 200,000 of our mothers, daughters, sisters, and wives will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and close to 40,000 will die from this dreadful disease.

My wife and I first became aware of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month through our volunteer work with the American Cancer Society. We decided to get involved because so many of our friends and families had been impacted by this terrible disease and we wanted to make a difference.

Over its short history, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month has successfully raised awareness for the early detection and prevention of breast cancer. As a result, mammography screening rates have doubled since 1985, and breast cancer mortality rates have steadily declined.

Mr. Speaker, the best way for all of us to join in the battle against breast cancer is to help spread the word to as many women as possible that early detection saves lives.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, almost everyone has a family member, a friend or a co-worker who has been personally affected by breast cancer. This year, 1,400 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer and 300 women will die from this devastating disease in my State of Nevada.

Two of my closest professional associates, two women who I work with every day, won their battle against breast cancer; they are cancer free. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. I lost my own mother this past July after her 14-year battle against breast cancer.

From these battles I have learn the importance of mammography screening and early detection which have led to higher survival rates. Nevada has the lowest percentage of mammograms performed per capita than any other State in the country, only 65 percent of Nevada women age 40 and over have had mammograms within the last 2 years; this leaves 35 percent of the women in Nevada without any necessary information to arm themselves against this disease and the ability to fight it early on. We must continue to get the word out to women that early detection in the fight against breast cancer is critical.

UNITED STATES LEADING WAY TO STABILITY IN IRAQ

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, last year Saddam Hussein spent \$13 million on health care in Iraq. This year the United States will spend \$200 million. Two years ago when Olympic soccer players made a mistake or lost a game, they were tortured and held hostage until they amended their ways and became better soccer players. Now children's soccer teams are springing up all over Iraq.

There has not been much farming going on in Iraq over the last several years; today, farmers are beginning to go back to the fields and replant crops. There has not been much oil production; now we are getting oil back online. Police forces are beginning to form again in Iraqi towns around the nation, and electricity and water is coming back all over the nation, but there is no peace in Iraq. We are not finished with the job. We still need the coalition forces in Iraq. We still need the strong United States presence to lead the way to a stable, growing democracy. We hope this is possible.

Today, this House will pass the Iraqi emergency supplemental bill. It is one more step in our effort to bring peace in that region. I urge my colleagues to support it.

NO DISCUSSION, NO CONFERENCE, NO DEMOCRACY

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, sadly, the corruption of democracy continues in this House this day. Almost unanimously, we sent a bill back to conference committee for further consideration to protect the safety of the public.

During the course of that debate, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA), the chairman of the subcommittee, said nothing in response to an assertion made about public safety. Nothing, I say to my colleagues, can be further from the truth.

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) went on to say, "So we will take this bill back to conference." Nothing, my colleagues, could be further from the truth.

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA) went on to say, "We will revisit this issue." Nothing, my friends, could be further from the truth.

He went on to say, "Anyone who would like, we will make a copy of this report available." Nothing, my friends, could be further from the truth.

There was no conference, there was no discussion, there was no democracy. Shame on the processes undermining democracy in this House.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

(Mr. WYNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, today the American public should ask a simple question, Where are the jobs? We hear the Republicans talk about increases in the gross domestic product, but increases in the GDP do not equal jobs. It does not pay bills or help families.

Since this President came into office, we have lost 3 million jobs in this country, and 2.5 million of those jobs have been in the manufacturing sector. So the American public ought to ask the question, Where are the jobs?

What is the Republican response? They are going to bring to this floor a bill that grants tax credits to American companies that take jobs overseas. That is right, two-thirds of the benefits in the so-called manufacturing jobs bill that the Republicans are introducing would give tax breaks to companies creating jobs in China and other countries.

Today the American public has every right to ask the question, Where are the jobs for Americans? Where are the tax credits for American small businesses to help them expand and grow jobs? Unfortunately, they are going overseas.

Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs?

CELEBRATING RED RIBBON WEEK

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Red Ribbon Week, the annual campaign to prevent illegal drug use and promote drug-free communities. All of our children have so much potential. All of our children deserve a chance at life. But it is so sad when families, friends and communities and faith fail a child and they become addicted to drugs. Caring for our children and making sure they do not get addicted to drugs is all of our responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, 81 percent of teenagers ages 14 to 20 have used drugs. One out of every four high school seniors has used illegal drugs in the past 30 days; almost 30 percent of young adults have used marijuana in the past.

This must change. Our children deserve better. Red Ribbon Week uses community action to educate and help prevent drug abuse. Throughout the United States, many of our schools are participating in this program, informing our children to stay away from drugs. I ask support for Red Ribbon Week in the State of California, and I ask support for Red Ribbon Week throughout our Nation.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, under the rules of the House, is it not true that before conference reports can be filed, that conferees must meet in formal session, and I believe this requirement can be found in clause 12 of rule XXII of the House rules?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I have a further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the House voted unanimously on Tuesday to recommit the FAA conference report to the conference committee in order to address essential safety issues relating to the plan to privatize the air traffic control system.

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Therefore, Mr. Speaker, is it not the case that the FAA conference report before the House was filed without any formal notice of a conference meeting to the minority and, thus, in violation of clause 12, rule XXII?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY). The Chair can only reiterate that under the rules and precedents of the House, a conference report must be the product of an actual meeting of the managers appointed by the two Houses.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.